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Dutchmen sweep Cornerstone Classic at season opener.
Sports, page 8.



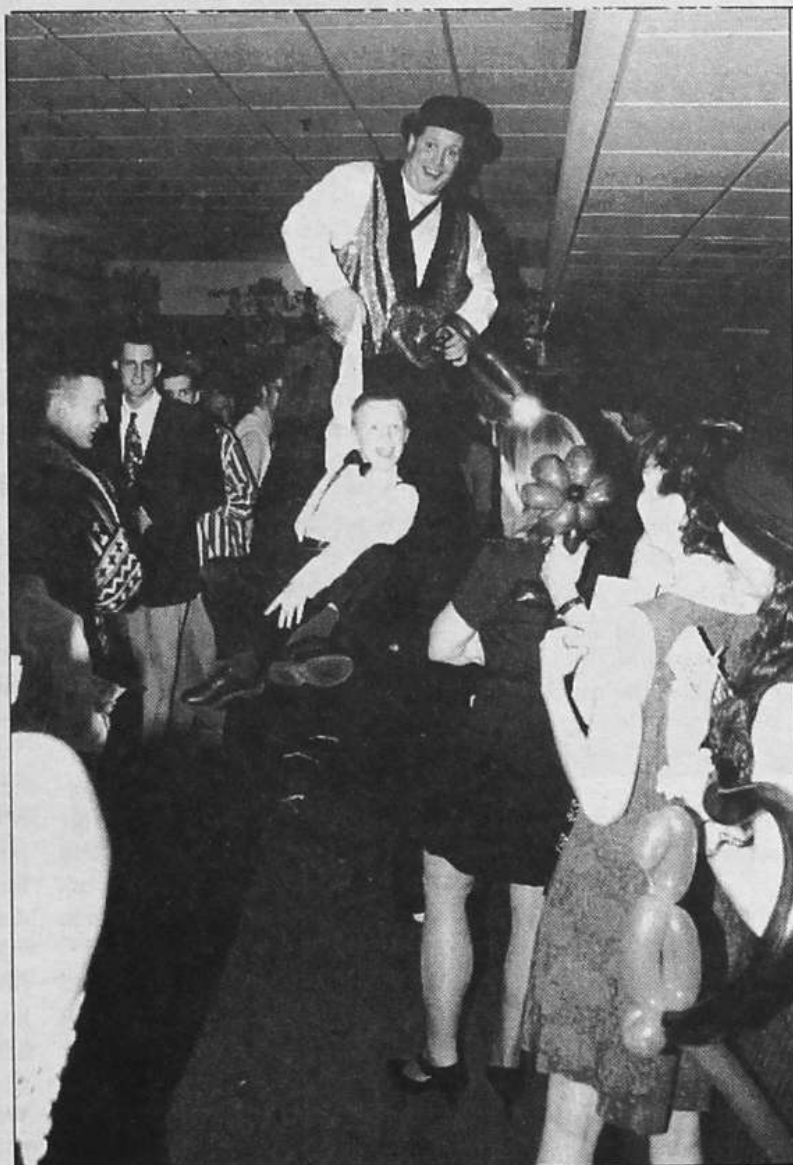
DeWitt custodian Larry cashes in his cleanser and retires.
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Students bemoan book buy-back, but Hope gives more return dollars than other schools.
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Anchor photo by Josh Neucks
SWING KID: SAC Director Aaron Smith's ('97) little brother Michael, age 10, gets a lift from an entertainer.

SAC scores again with Casino Night

NOELLE WOOD
staff reporter

Lady Luck kissed and killed student gamblers without warning in the gaming frenzy of the annual Casino Night last Friday.

Over 800 students filled Phelps for the successful SAC-sponsored event, organizers said.

"This was definitely the biggest one yet. The professional dealers tell us they do this at every school imaginable and they told us this was the biggest and best casino night that they've seen," said Kevin Randall ('98), SAC associate director.

The cafeteria was transformed into a casino complete with lights, a fountain made from a foil-covered kiddie pool, and signs depicting famous gaming areas like Reno and the Riviera. A man on stilts

handed out balloon animals.

The Nodding Heads entertained the gamblers with their own music and some selections from other artists.

"I'm quite impressed. I liked blackjack the best; it's the only game I can play. But I still lost it all," said Chris Danapolis ('98).

Blackjack tables covered both levels of Phelps and were filled throughout the night by the well-dressed crowd striving to beat the dealer and double their money.

"I really like the money," said Bob Oostveen ('99) as he gathered his winnings.

The blackjackers gave each other advice on whether 16 was enough to sit on and when to double up on a bet. Whenever the dealer got 21, collective groans of disappointment were heard around the table.

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Amnesty petitions to end injustice

CARRI TENNANT
campusbeat editor

Julie Meyers ('99) has never met Turkish prisoner Ekber Gegel, but halfway around the world she speaks passionately about the injustice of his situation.

Gegel is a "prisoner of conscience," and Meyers works with Hope's chapter of Amnesty International.

"I'm part of Amnesty International because I have rights and privileges," Meyers said. "I can speak out against the government and not have the police knocking down my door at 2 a.m. It's my moral duty to help those who can't help themselves because of their situation."

"These are real people that go through these nightmares," she said.

Gegel's nightmare began when he was rounded up in a Turkish village Oct. 23 by troops raiding for food that could be given to the Kurdish people.

Amnesty International recently released an

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HPD breaks up off-campus party

CARRI TENNANT
campusbeat editor

Michigan's year-old zero-tolerance ordinance for alcohol consumption by minors penetrated even the walls of "Alcatraz" last weekend.

The Holland Police issued 24 minor in possession (MIP) citations and arrested two students for "hindering and opposing" during the breakup of up an off-campus party late Saturday night.

Police arrived shortly after midnight on Nov. 23 at 81 E. 15th St., better known as Alcatraz to Hope students. Lt. Dave Guikema of the Holland Police Department estimated that six officers were present on the scene to administer Preliminary Breath Tests (PBTs) and citations.

The two students who were arrested for "hindering and opposing" tried to leave after being ordered by

police to stay put. They were taken downtown and released on bail.

The citations were appearance tickets that ordered recipients to appear in court Dec. 3 at 9 a.m.

Alcatraz is the unofficial off-campus house of the Arcadian fraternity.

Peter Liechty ('97), president of the fraternity, declined to comment on the incident.

The high number of MIP citations was in part due to a state ordinance effected a year ago which legislates "zero tolerance" of alcohol content for minors.

No longer must a police officer nab a minor with beer in hand or in their vehicle to write an MIP. Under this ordinance, officers are authorized to administer PBTs on the spot. Refusal to take the PBT is a civil infraction, and blowing more than a .02 brings an MIP citation.

This is a much lower level of intoxication than the .10 which is re-

more **ALCATRAZ** on 2

Veritas to tackle role of truth in society

STACY BOGARD
staff reporter

Students, faculty, and community members will seek to learn the meaning of truth when the Veritas Forum arrives on campus the weekend of Jan. 10 to 11.

The CIS-style forum will focus on how truth and the truth claims of Jesus Christ fit into today's society through open and honest discussion.

"We feel that this has a good positive message for Christians and non-Christians alike," said James Palmer ('98), a student organizer of Hope's Veritas Forum.

The keynote speaker for Hope's forum will be the nationally-known astrophysicist Hugh Ross. He will look at truth and God from the scientific perspective. Other discussion leaders will focus on field-specific religious and philosophical perspectives in the panel discussion following the keynote and the workshops held on Saturday.

The two sets of workshops will

address the areas of law, politics, the environment, dance, art, and medicine. The forum will conclude Saturday night with "C.S. Lewis on Stage," performed by Tom Key.

A Web page will be available after Thanksgiving break for more information on the locations, speakers, and a reading list for those that are interested.

Hope is the first small education institution to host Veritas since its start at Harvard in 1992. The other institutions that have hosted the forum are large research universities

like Stanford, Penn State, Brown, and Purdue. Hope will try to accomplish in two days what others have done in four.

Veritas is being financially supported through a \$10,000 anonymous donation and the religious groups on campus.

The forum was brought to the attention of the College through Professor Marc Baer of the History Department.

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“We feel that this has a good positive message for Christians and non-Christians alike.”
—James Palmer ('98)

Milestone claims national award

JODI MCFARLAND
editor-in-chief

The staff of the 1996 Milestone flew by plane to Orlando, Fla., last weekend for a college media convention, but their excitement and enthusiasm gave them wings for the flight home.

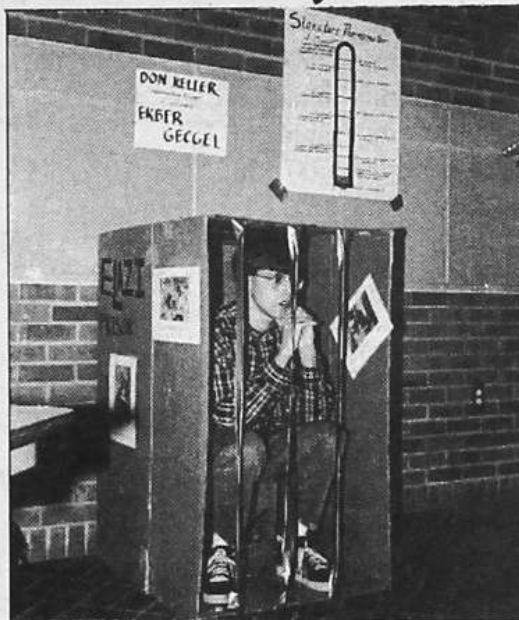
The book won Second Place Best of Show for small yearbooks across the nation at the ACP/CMA National Media Convention Nov. 2 to 5.

"I was surprised that our first showing yielded such great recognition," said Milestone Editor Anthony Perez ('98).

The 256-page book was judged in the under 299 pages category on its design, content and general excellence.

Perez was solely responsible for layout and design of the 1996 book, working with the contributions of Anchor and other writers. This

more **MILESTONE** on 3



Anchor photo by Josh Neucks
BOXED: Don Keller ('97) spent all day imprisoned to gain petition signatures.

campus briefs

Shuttle van heads to Meijer and mall

Need a lift to Meijer or the mall to do some Christmas shopping?

A shuttle van service will provide a reprieve Saturday Dec. 7 for stranded students with the urge to escape cabin fever and pick up some holiday gifts.

From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., a shuttle van will depart every half-hour from the DeWitt flagpole.

The van will stop at Meijer on the

quarter-hour, return to Hope, and arrive at the mall on the three-quarter hour.

The shuttle van service is funded by Sue Frost and organized by Student Congress.

If the students show interest in using the shuttle van, Student Congress will discuss running the service every other week next semester.

Pan-Hel plans communication workshop

Next Thursday, Dec. 5, speaker Ann-Drea Burns will lead a day-long workshop on communication between the sexes.

The Pan-Hellenic Council and C.A.A.R.E. are sponsoring the event. It replaces the sorority Christmas party held traditionally in the Kletz for both Greeks and independents.

All students are invited to attend.

The day will begin with a keynote by Burns at 11 a.m. in the Maas Conference Room.

At 7 p.m., Burns will lead a workshop entitled "Bridging the Gap" in the Kletz. This program is designed to encourage communication and understanding between men and women.

JESSICA NELSON
staff reporter

The Women's Issues Organization (WIO) teamed up with the Holland branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) to sponsor a presentation on "Female Adolescents: Population at Risk."

Speaker Chris Gockman, Ph.D. led the discussion on Thursday, Nov. 21.

"It's great to get together with an organization like AAUW to bring such events to campus," said WIO co-president Heidi Giddy ('97).

Gockman discussed the many issues facing adolescent women in the '90's. She says it is an important time in a female's development when it is easy to "lose themselves" and self-esteem is often low.

Gockman feels the role that females are expected to play in society often affects these years. Be-

cause women are expected to be unselfish and nurturing, adolescent females often lose their identity.

Issues that Gockman sees as troubling include the media, which places a large emphasis on money and appearance. Gockman stressed that the media glorifies things such as sex and violence and desensitizes young women to these issues.

"If this is the place that reflects our values that we want to teach our children, we are in bad shape," Gockman said.

Gockman discussed the importance of appearance in today's cul-

ture. She spoke about eating disorders that are often created by this pressure.

Other issues that Gockman identified are drugs and alcohol, pressure to engage in sexual activity, violence and family and community fragmentation.

Gockman suggested ways to "fight the culture." She emphasized the importance of the adult role model in this stage of life. She also stressed the importance of teaching young women to be critical consumers and to challenge the images and values found in the media.

Students bet the night away
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While professional dealers worked many of the games, some students got to try their hand at the trade.

"I got to deal and I cheated, a lot," confessed Ryan Spangler ('98).

Two craps tables were also popular attractions for the crowd. This game of dice was an easy place to gain or lose one's money. The excitement of winning was enough to keep many playing.

"Yes! Yes! That was me!" shrieked Ellen Colenbrander ('00) as someone rolled a seven and her bet quadrupled.

However, win or lose, just the fun of playing was enough to keep others going.

"Even though I don't have much money, it's fun to watch it go up and down," said Stacy Hoglund ('00).

Both sides of Phelps offered various wheels to bet on. Whether playing roulette, race horses, or the money wheel, gamblers enjoyed watching their money come and go.

"I played roulette all night and it's great to win other people's money. It's all for fun," said Joe Fritsch ('97).

The communion with fellow gamblers also made the games more enjoyable.

"Playing with Joe made roulette better. Joe was the key," said Ryan Sullivan ('97).

In Maas, bingo reigned and attenders listened in hope that the right letters and numbers would be called so that they might be able to yell bingo and collect their winnings.

"It's wonderful. It makes the whole night worth it. It's unfortunate for the people who didn't win," said Dan Kubacki ('99) after a successful round of bingo.

Quick talent competitions were held between bingo games. Clint Moore ('98) won \$5000 for his poem. "Roses are red. Violets are blue. If you are cute, I will go on a date with you."

After the games shut down, the floor was cleared for a dance which lasted until 1 a.m. At midnight the dancers paused and listened for the winner of the trip to Walt Disney World. The trip went to Dawn Hollidge ('99), who screeched excitedly when her name was called.

After a long telephone conversation to convince her mother that it was safe for her to go, Hollidge found it difficult to believe that she had really won.

"I'm shocked and amazed. I haven't taken it all in yet," Hollidge said.

She asked her friend Todd Chassee ('99) to accompany her.

"It just can't possibly get any better than this. What a night. What a weekend," Chassee said.

The pair left at 5:15 a.m. Saturday via limo for an all-expenses paid, three-day trip to Walt Disney World. The prize package included air travel, all park passes, and \$200 spending money.

SAC welcomes comments and suggestions on Casino Night and other SAC events. They can be reached by phone at x7882 or by E-mail at SACJESTER.



Anchor photo by Zach Johnson

LET IT SNOW: Director of Music and Worship Dwight Beal ('87) and Dean of the Chapel Ben Patterson engage in a little rapid-fire snow combat after a recent deluge.



Van Wylen Library Exam Week and Christmas Break Hours

Friday, Dec. 6	8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 7	9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 8	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.
Monday, Dec. 9	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 10	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 11	8:00 a.m. - midnight
Thursday, Dec. 12	8:00 a.m. - midnight
Friday, Dec. 13	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 14	closed
Sunday, Dec. 15	closed
Mon, Dec. 16 - Fri., Dec. 20	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 21 - Wed., Dec. 25	closed
Thur., Dec. 26 & Fri., Dec. 27	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 28 & Sun., Dec. 29	closed
Mon., Dec. 30 & Tues., Dec. 31	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 1	closed
Thur., Jan. 2 & Fri., Jan. 3	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 4 & Sun., Jan. 5	closed
Monday, Jan. 6	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 7	8:00 a.m. - midnight



Partiers nailed with citations

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quired to be charged with drunk driving.

Guikema cites the ordinance as the main reason there were so many MIPs given out Saturday night.

"This is an unusual number, but you see the laws have changed and some people may not have realized it," he said.

Some students complain that the measures were too strict.

"It's okay for them to break up a party, but they didn't have to go to that extreme," said one student, who was at the Alcatraz breakup but is of legal drinking age. "I think they should have just broken it up and gone home."

Students questioned the importance of breaking up parties when they are not annoying or hurting anyone else.

But none of these students was

willing to attach their name to their complaints.

They speculated on what police could have been accomplishing had they not spent so much time writing up intoxicated students at Alcatraz.

"They had six cop cars there for over two hours," said Val, another student who ran out of Alcatraz to find police on the sidewalk. "It's kind of stupid to have six cop cars tied up at a party."

Still other students argue that those who want to avoid MIPs should simply not drink illegally.

"To all the people who are trying to get out of punishment, all I have to say is, 'Grow up and take responsibility for your actions,'" another student said.

"The law's still the law, whether you like it or not."

Students prep to shell out the books at buy-back

DAVE CLAUSEN
infocus editor

As the semester draws to a close, the dreaded book buy-back process comes with it. Like every other semester, the grumbling begins as students find little return on their textbook investment, and at sometimes, no return at all.

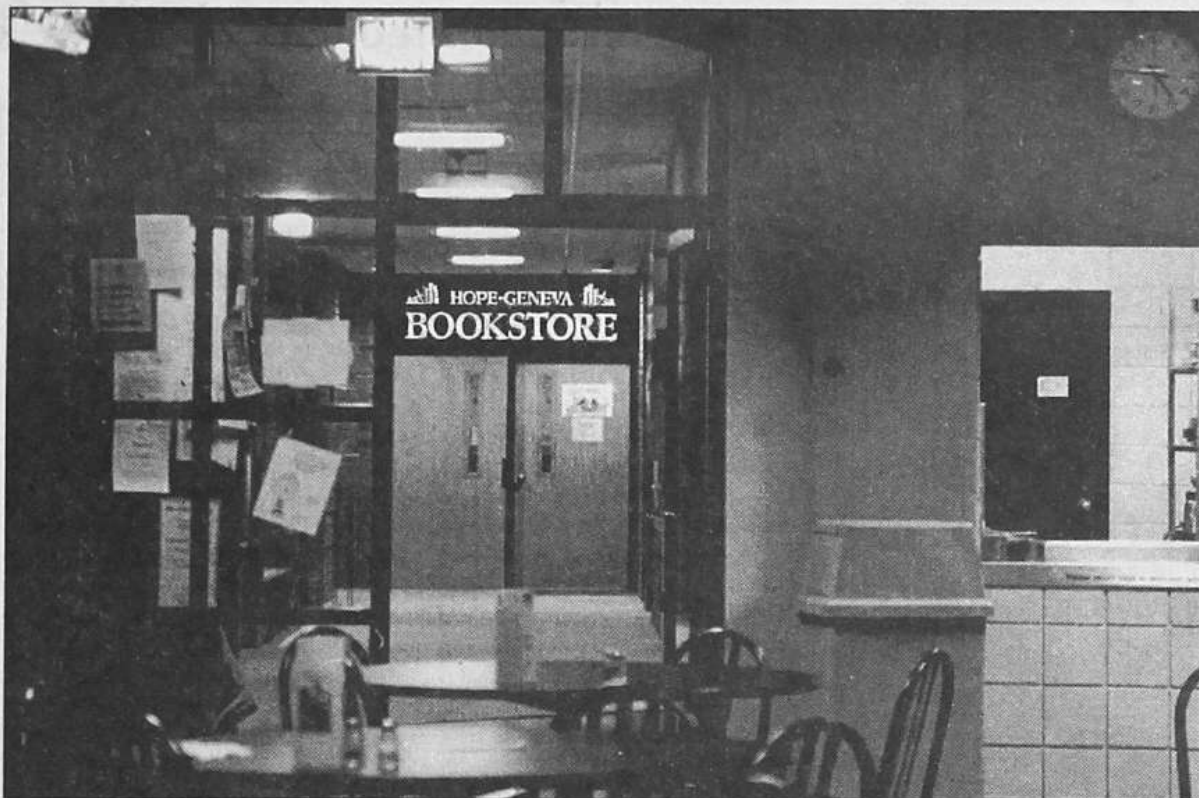
While this seems unfair at the outset, Mark Cook, Director of Hope-Geneva Bookstore, said that this is not the case.

"Honestly, we're making money on used books to cover our costs," he said.

Hope's bookstore buys back books at 55 percent of their purchase price if they are being reused the following semester, and 10 to 30 percent if they are not. The bookstore actually has a higher buy-back rate than the national standard of 50 percent, giving students better value for their textbook dollar. This is due to the fact that more books tend to be reused at Hope than other colleges, Cook said.

Nearby schools like Calvin and Grand Valley offer the 50 percent rate to their students.

As far as the causes for a book being bought back at a rate below 55 percent, Hope-Geneva offers



HOLLOW HALL: The hallway leading to the Hope-Geneva Bookstore will soon be jammed with students trying to recoup some of their textbook dollars. Buy-back begins Dec. 6.

three reasons. The "single biggest factor" determining this, according to Cook, is whether or not the book is being used for the following semester. In this case the bookstore discourages selling a book back until the next buy-back unless it appears that it will never be used at

Hope again.

"A wise thing to do is to wait until the spring," said Paula Shaughnessy, Textbook Manager at the bookstore.

Doing this, Shaughnessy said, will help maximize buy-back value on the possibility that the book will be used again in the following fall semester.

Other reasons affecting buy-back pricing are whether or not the professor has submitted an order or

decided to upgrade the text to a new edition, rendering the old one obsolete. In both cases, the books can be sold at a lower rate but if the professor has not yet put in an order, waiting can be the best route.

Getting professors to order their books on time has become a source of frustration for Cook, as this usually drives the buy-back rate down and ultimately hurts the wallets of students. The problem is more pronounced in the spring, as

professors tend to wait to decide what books to order during the summer, Cook said.

An alternative to selling books back to the bookstore is to sell them directly to other students taking the same course next semester. Although Cook said a high percentage of students return their books to the bookstore, as buy-back approaches, student-made signs begin to pop up advertising books for sale. This method allows students to get the highest payback for their textbook investment.

In order to help students avoid the various monetary dangers of buy-back, the bookstore has set up a book buy-back "Q and A" on its KnowHope web page. For the first time, they'll also be posting a list of books with low or no value at the buy-back check-in table and on the web page. The list will also reveal old editions with no value and book orders that have not yet been received.

"We're trying to give students information that they can access themselves without having to wait in line," Cook said.

Although students shouldn't expect more of a return on their textbooks this semester than before, the bookstore is increasing its efforts to educate students on getting their best value for their textbook dollar.

"Students are our customers," Cook said. "We have to look at them every semester."

Seen & Heard

With book buy-back approaching, do you feel that the bookstore has a fair or unfair policy regarding textbook returns?



"I'd say it's fair just because of the fact that they need to make money too. They're still giving us a discount compared to other schools."
—Sage Bolte ('99)



"It sucks big-time because you lose big-time money."
—Ntsiki Sisulu ('97)



"I would definitely say that they're making money from the simple fact that they redistribute the books and sell them at a higher price. I think it would be beneficial to have some form of competition for Hope textbooks."
—Dennis Ahmad ('98)



"I don't think you get enough money for them. Basically you're stuck with books. You get five dollars for something you paid sixty dollars for."
—Matt McKenzie ('97)

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College Store Personnel Costs: 13.9 cents	
College Store Income: 3.9 cents pre-tax	
*info courtesy of Hope-Geneva Bookstore	

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year Perez heads a working staff of 12 students. Three staffers accompanied Perez to the convention.

"This really gave us something to work for: equal or better recognition next year," Perez said.

Perez hopes that the award will give the book some recognition on campus as well.

"I hope students and the administration will realize what we are doing down here," he said. "We went to a competition where the best of the best are and we came

out second place."

The staff is working diligently on next year's book, which will have 279 pages, with increased attention to campus groups, Perez said.

Printing errors by the books' publisher Walsworth frustrated Perez earlier in the semester, but the award helps to smooth over the irritation, he said. Eight senior pictures and two pages in the freshman section were placed incorrectly in the 1996 book, and color was not

the hue Perez desired.

"Obviously the problems were petty enough that they didn't interfere with what other people thought of our book," Perez said. For the rest of the year the staff will focus on making a better book for 1997.

"We're just hoping to be able to do more coverage and spend more time on each group," Perez said. "Just making an overall yearbook that is second place is great recognition, but we have a long way to go."

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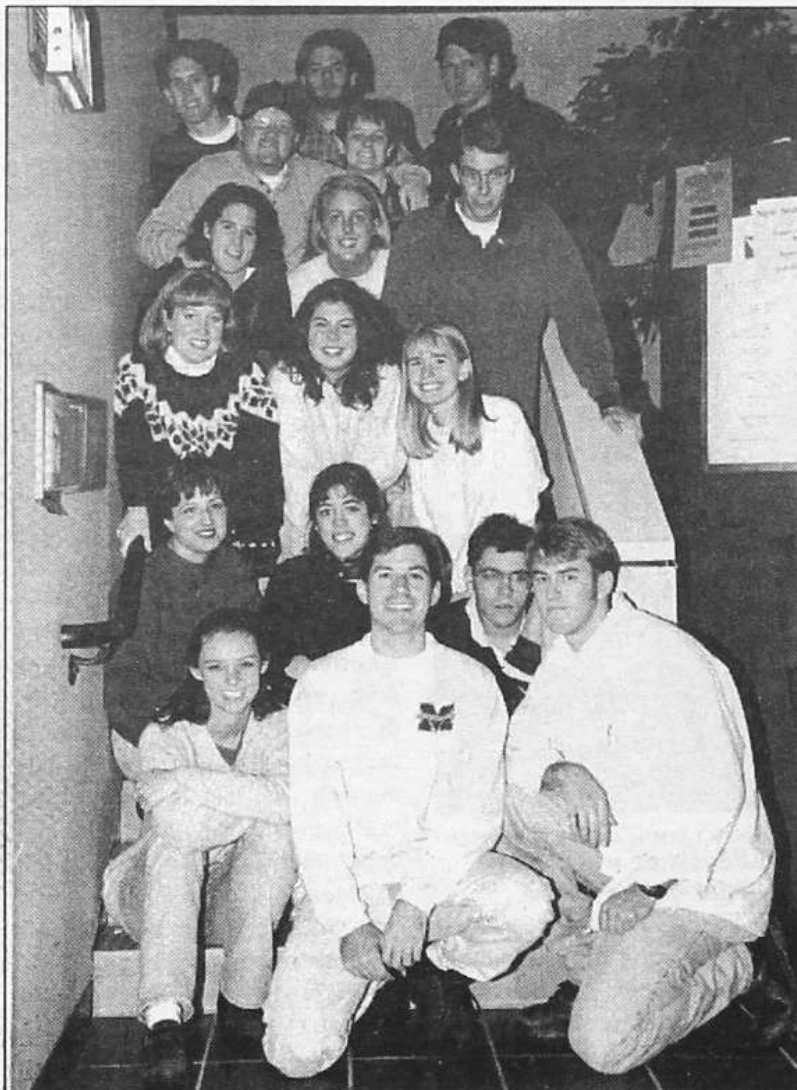
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Happy Holidays from The Ank!

Due to the impending holidays and finals, this will be the final issue for the fall semester.

Look for the next
issue to hit the stands
on January 15.

meet the press.

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Alumni disappointed with apparent Knick censorship

Dear Editor,

We were embarrassed to read an article in an Associated Press release regarding the cancellation of the Knickerbocker Theatre of Antonia's

Line.

The article implies that the film was canceled because of the depiction of a lesbian relationship.

We like to encourage prospective students to attend Hope College but can-

not be proud of an alma mater which demeans people born with another sexual preference.

Jack and Marilyn
Van der Velde ('52)

AIDS sufferers willing to share full names

Dear Editor,

To the more than 100 students that filled the Kletz Friday, Nov. 15, Sheryl Ver Hage and Terry DeYoung were not ashamed to claim their full names. In fact, AIDS has affected all the speakers at the AIDS Reality Concert Part Two, yet they are all willing to let me introduce them by their full names. AIDS/HIV is not something to keep secret and by standing up to talk about the disease we let people know that it is still a very serious issue.

Terry DeYoung contracted HIV from his previous wife Susan. She did get the virus from an IV drug user, but she didn't know she was positive until she started getting ill. When she found out, Terry was tested and found to be also positive. Terry emphasized that two people who are positive can reinfect each other compounding the risk of making the disease progress

faster. Susan died of AIDS, but Terry is still living with HIV. Sheryl, a Hope alum, lost her husband, Paul, to the AIDS virus. Paul, who contracted AIDS from a blood transfusion, shared his life with the audience at the first AIDS Reality Concert. Sheryl is not infected. Unfortunately three of the speakers from the first AIDS Reality Concert were not present, because they have all passed away in the past year and a half.

It was wonderful to see such a great attendance at such an important event on Hope's campus. We really showed that Hope students are concerned about HIV and AIDS. Although AIDS is not contagious in the same way most other viruses are, it can be passed on through blood, semen, or vaginal fluid. We do need to remember that we are not invincible against HIV and AIDS, but at the same time we are the ones in control of the disease. Because of the lim-

ited ways you can get HIV there is no reason not to be close to someone who is positive. Sheryl knew Paul was positive, yet she chose to marry him. Terry reminds us that the most important thing is to not discriminate. Stereotypes and misconceptions still exist, but now that Hope College is educated on the issue we have the power work against these.

With one out of 300 people living with HIV today, we have the responsibility to create an environment where people do not have to fear claiming their last name.

Once again, I thank all the students, faculty, staff and members of the community who took time out of their Friday to come to the event. You have taken the first step toward making a difference.

Tracy Bednarik ('98)

'Bible Archaeologist' a sensation-seeker, amateur

Dear Editor,

I'd like to make a few comments about the article "Archaeologist spies on Sinai," which appeared in *The Anchor* last week. My concern is with the content of the piece, which I assume fairly represents what Mr. Cornuke said in his presentation, and not with the writing style or purposes of the author.

First, I question whether it is accurate to dignify Mr. Cornuke with the title "archeologist." I've not been able to find any publications of his in any reputable archeological journal. The only credentials mentioned in the article were his work with the LAPD and his friends with astronaut Jim Erwin. Archeologists have done academic work in the field and understand some basic principles of the discipline. Mr. Cornuke appears to be nothing more than an amateur and a sensation-seeker.

One of the main things that Mr. Cornuke apparently fails to understand is how legends, stories, and even shrines, come to be associated with certain places. Just because local people say "That is Mount Sinai" is no reason to take the assertion seriously. In the ancient world many sites took on some kind of holy significance because people's view of the world was founded on superstition. There are at least a dozen mountains in Greece, for example, which local people claim are Mount Olympus, home of the Greek gods. If Mr. Cornuke were to climb one of them, he might even find a few things that look like remains of buildings.

Wouldn't that prove that the Greek gods actually lived on that mountain? If one follows Mr. Cornuke's reasoning process, it would seem so.

If we find remains of a building on top of a mountain, is there no conclusion possible except that the gods lived there? If we find a charred spot on top of a mountain, must we automatically assume that that was where God appeared to Moses? Can we think of anything else that might be the cause of those buildings or that charred spot? Of course we can. People could have built the buildings. Lightning could have charred a spot on top of a mountain. Centuries later people sought some explanation for these phenomena and connected familiar stories with these spots.

What has prompted the growth of many of these stories has been tourism. Even in the ancient world people were anxious to see places where miraculous events had taken place. In Sparta, for example, a temple dedicated to Helen contained the very egg from which the myths said she had hatched. What more proof could you want? There's the egg; you've seen it with your own eyes. The conclusion, if we follow Cornuke's reasoning: surely the story must be true.

When Christianity became dominant in the fourth century people began traveling to the Middle East, eager to see sites mentioned in the Bible. They asked local people where Jesus was born, buried, or where he was baptized, and local people obligingly showed them. After all, tourists were offering money for guides.

No reputable archeologist would, as Mr. Cornuke apparently did, claim to have found some legendary site without subjecting the material to various kinds of tests to establish its age. The "altar" and other material which he claims to have seen could have been set up at any time in antiquity or the Middle Ages. By way of comparison, pieces of wood which some people claim are remnants of Noah's ark are most likely bits of replicas which religious people (or people hoping to dupe tourists) set up in the early Middle Ages.

One minor note in closing: The article referred to "some nearby caves, the walls of which contained papyri writing." I don't know if this statement comes from Mr. Cornuke or from the author of the article. In either case it is nonsensical. Papyrus is a paper-like material widely used across the Mediterranean in antiquity. It has nothing to do with cave walls.

Mr. Cornuke's approach to archeology is slipshod and his interpretation of his findings is fanciful and far-fetched. It is about as reliable as an article in *The National Enquirer*. One of the purposes of a Hope education is for students to learn to think critically. Critical thinking requires some respect for logic. Mr. Cornuke's method violates most of the basic principles of archeological and historical research and tries to cover up its weaknesses with sensationalism.

Albert A. Bell, Jr.
Chairperson, History Dept.

WIN! Newsletter survey prompts sorority response

Dear Editor,

This letter is in regards to a survey published in the WIN! Newsletter. Page 5 had the results of a survey that was sent out to the people on the WIN! mailing list. The results of this survey were published with no qualifiers such as how many people responded and how many were sent out.

What about the question "What changes would you like to see on Hope's campus?" How many people made these statements — one, two...hundreds? Did only one person wish for more diversity? What about the response that stated "abolish sororities and fraternities"? I would like to know.

As for the respondent who stated the opinion about Greek life, I suggest you do some thinking about your statement.

Turn to page one of that issue; the AIDS concert hosted by WIO and the Knicks, oh what a terrible thing for those darn Greeks to do! On page four, there is a quote about leadership that ends, "Women have to start leading women if we are to survive and thrive." The idea of leadership is not new to the Greek sororities.

For over 90 years Hope has had sororities and women have been leading them the entire time. Develop leadership skills as page four cries — develop them as Greek women do. How often do we as women get to be part of an organization created by women, for women? With every leadership position filled by a woman, with a female faculty member who serves as mentor and friend.

Did you miss all the leadership to change pledging and create new mem-

ber education as its replacement? Have you seen the *Masses*. Pan Hellenic's publication? Have you seen all the service projects we have done covered in *The Anchor*? Do you see us in chapel praying together? Did you see us during Greek Week playing together? Women do lead and Greek women are a great example of leadership.

How can you believe in women's issues enough to subscribe to WIN! yet attack Greek women calling for their abolishment? Whoever you are, I hope you are prompted to contact me. I would love to talk to you and educate you on all the good things sororities have given to generations of Hope women.

Alicia Fortino ('97)
Pan Hellenic President



STRAIGHT TALK

Kim Powell

Giving thanks

We all learned the history behind Thanksgiving in grade school. "Thanksgiving is when the pilgrims and the Indians had a big meal to celebrate getting along," is what my second grade teacher told me.

Now, that thought seems silly.

As I'm sitting around the dining room table I'm not thinking about pilgrims or Indians. Instead I'm looking into the faces of my family and thinking how lucky I am to have them all there with me. I'm looking at the food and thinking how fortunate I am to have food on the table.

But what about those who don't have much to be thankful for?

Without exception every holiday season is filled with an outcry from churches, schools, and community organizations to give. We are asked to give canned goods, toys, money, and our time to help organizations with Thanksgiving dinners, packing fruit baskets. You've all seen the flyers.

This year I wanted to take part in the barrage of volunteering activities. I went to Community Action House and packed Thanksgiving boxes for people in the Holland community.

I smiled the whole time a packed up the boxes and I pondered over which box should get pumpkin pie filling or apple pie filling. That's when another one of the workers told me it doesn't matter if it's pumpkin or apple. They're not going to care.

I came back to reality instantly. It didn't matter what kind

of pie was in the box; the recipients would be happy to get anything at all.

One of the Directors of the program said that when they opened in the morning 40 people were lined up outside the door, hoping to be one of the first people to get a basket for fear that all the food would be gone.

To me, the notion of not having food was completely foreign, especially on Thanksgiving. What kind of people don't have food at Thanksgiving?

I peaked around the shelves to see what exactly these people look like. I'm ashamed to admit that I was surprised that the people looked like me, my friends, and my family. Families with small children, young people, and women and men that looked like they had just gotten off work all came.

I thought about what I saw at Community Action House all that night. How was I supposed to feel knowing that people were hungry? They were no longer a faceless mass of people that live somewhere else. These people are my neighbors and people whose eyes and smiles I have seen. When one of my roommates asked me how it had went I smiled and said, "It was a lot of fun. It was good to serve."

A new definition of Thanksgiving is now stuck in my mind. It is a time to give thanks for all of the people, opportunities and good things in my own life. And it is a time to help other people have good things to give thanks for.

KIM POWELL
spotlight editor

After 17 years of dedicated service custodian Larry LaFever hung up his plunger to enjoy retirement.

Fond memories come to Larry's mind when he thinks of the connections he's made at Hope.

"I meet students' families. Alumni bring their kids back with them and it makes me realize my age," Larry said. "I get Christmas cards from all over the world now from people I met at Hope. Sometimes I can see their face, but I can't remember their name."

Larry works second shift, 12:30 to 9:00 a.m., and is the one custodian working in DeWitt after everyone else goes home, according to Kathleen Arnold, Office Manager in the Physical Plant.

"When there is a toilet overflowing in DeWitt and nobody else is here, I call Larry and he takes care of it," she said. "He is a faithful servant and will be missed greatly."

Most students that pass through DeWitt know Larry as a jokester with a gruff voice.

"He's funny and has this gruff voice, but he's a teddy bear," Arnold said.

Larry likes to have a good time. "I like to have fun," Larry said. "I'm a kid at heart. I'll never grow up."

He loves to cook, make homemade chocolates, make lap quilts, do jigsaw puzzles and latch rugs. One of the oriental/persian rugs measured in at 4 ft long and 21/2 ft wide. It took him over a year to

Visiting scholar educates on AIDS

KIM POWELL
spotlight editor

Working as a volunteer with homosexuals and AIDS patients in Japan has given Yoshimi Kaji a chance to rethink stereotypes.

Kaji is a visiting scholar at Hope until March who is looking to share her knowledge on AIDS and homosexuality with students.

"Education is very important. Most discrimination of any different people is based on incorrect information," Kaji said. "As a university community we should be educated."

She suggests that people do what she did and re-educate themselves with the facts on AIDS and homosexual issues. As the school year wears on she hopes to become apart of this education process.

"I would really like to meet people who have the same concerns (I do)," Kaji said. "I would love to talk to students."

"Before I started AIDS work, I didn't know about AIDS or the gay community," Kaji said. "I didn't know any gay/lesbian people."

Coming from a very conservative and Christian background, Kaji didn't realize the importance of learning about the issues.

Kaji attributes this to the Christian belief that homosexuality is a sin. In Kaji's opinion the Christian community has mistaught people that homosexuality is a sin.

"The Judeo-Christian attitude that homosexuality is wrong and should be condemned is based on



Anchor photo by Zach Johnson

ELBOW GREASE: Larry LaFever gets the job done as he cleans DeWitt on his last day before retirement.

make. He developed his love for cooking when he owned a restaurant in Colorado, The Nugget, prior to coming to Hope.

Larry has been through good times and bad times at Hope. Last year he suffered a heart attack in the Kletz. After his heart attack he vowed to quit smoking and stopped on the spot.

"Hope has been like a family. It's been a good time," Larry said.

Human Resources gave Larry a

farewell party last Friday under the glass in the Kletz. Co-workers and administrators stopped by to wish him a happy retirement, but it wasn't a sad farewell.

"I'm just taking one day at a time," Larry said.

Larry will stay on staff part-time, so students shouldn't be surprised if they hear a gruff voice and see a smiling face in DeWitt. It's probably Larry doing what he does best—having fun.

five Bible verses," Kaji said. "We've been mistaught the story of Sodom and Gomorrah. It's not an issue of homosexuality. If we do study thoroughly, going back to Greek and Hebrew, it meant something else."

Simply knowing homosexuals exist is not enough. People need to be in contact with people of different sexual orientations in order to end the stereotypes and be educated, she said.

"If friends of mine were to come out I would appreciate their honesty," Kaji said. "Our friendship would be stronger. However, this is not usually the case. Friends and families usually panic and friends are lost."

Kaji does AIDS frontier work in Japan where she gets an opportunity to make people aware of gay and lesbian issues. She counsels over the phone, visits AIDS patients, acts as an advocate for homosexuals and tries to help families and friends of AIDS victims come to terms with HIV.

Almost everyone in both Japan and the United States has a basic understanding of the AIDS virus, Kaji said. But having a basic understanding is not enough to fight the prejudices that result from stereotypes.

"You'd be surprised at how many gays and lesbians are around us in our community," Kaji said. "They were in my community, among the church community."

Now Kaji has a Masters Degree in human sexuality and wants to

open the eyes of Japan and America to the needs of the homosexual community.

Educating people on homosexuality and AIDS has become a life goal for Kaji since she volunteered with an organization in Japan. She picked Identity House, an organization that seeks to support AIDS victims and educate the public, because it was close to her place of employment and she knew they needed "helping hands." The organization was very small, and volunteers worked side by side with people with the AIDS virus.

According to Kaji, forming these connections are what it is all about. Working side by side, becoming friends, and then seeing friends die of the AIDS virus put life and death in a new perspective for Kaji.

Kaji has had the unique opportunity to form connections cross-culturally.

Working with AIDS patients and homosexuals in both the United States and Japan has also given Kaji an opportunity to see how culture effects the way people deal with these issues.

In Japan issues of homosexuality are still "underground." People don't want to talk about AIDS, Kaji said.

While in the United States the issues are talked about but, they are still met with prejudices.

Tolerance and education is what it is all about, Kaji said.

"We are taking sides on so many things without knowledge," she said.

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Aureole transcends traditional chamber music

A. STRASSBURGER
staff reporter

The members of the flute, harp, and violin trio Aureole took their name from a composition of the same title, a work that explores an ever-changing palette of color and sound and the timbral possibilities of a traditional ensemble.

Those who attended the trio's performance Saturday evening can vouch that Stacey Shames, Laura Gilbert, and Mary Hammann fulfill the meaning of their name.

Hope College's Great Performance Series brought the nationally-renowned Aureole to Dimnent Chapel last Saturday at 8 p.m. The trio has performed in great music halls from New York City to Boston and received three Grammy nominations.

Aureole brings new meaning to the role of music. The timing of the three musicians is impeccable, as was evidenced by their synchronized performance. The three instruments, an unlikely trio, were able to mesh as one while each retained its own distinctive voice. The fact that every composition Aureole plays is a piece written expressly for the flute, violin, and harp added to the naturalness of the music.

Each woman in the trio coaxed

a myriad of different sounds from her instrument. Their incredible training and talent were evident in the way they handled the instruments, alternately causing them to be deeply sharp and startling or softly high and gliding. The versatility of the harp was especially noteworthy.

The performance was a treat for both the ears and the eyes. The audience, comprised more of older Holland residents than students, benefitted from watching the women in addition to merely listening to their music.

Each woman's own body language emerged distinctively from her playing style, and all three seemed to move their bodies with their instruments, translating the music physically. The golden, dimly-lit atmosphere of the hushed chapel added greatly to this visual experience.

The trio interspersed each piece with commentary, alternately introducing themselves and describing the history and meaning of the different compositions they performed. By the end of the two-hour performance they had given the audience a glimpse of both their personalities and those of the pieces they played.

Knowing a bit of the back-



P.R. photo

THREE SIRENS: This renowned trio was the final GPS performance of the fall semester. Not focus on one at a time. This is what makes Aureole such a mesmerizing blend of music—the fact that, as the *Washington Post* has noted, “their performance is, as chamber music should be, like a conversation among friends.”

Local artist displays abstract paintings

MATT MORGAN
intermission editor

The paintings of local artist Bede Van Dyke are unorthodox in conception and full of movement and life. They boast brilliant primary colors that create tension and contrast with the often lighter, more subtle pastel background.

Van Dyke's paintings are currently on display at 186 S. River and will remain available for viewing until Dec. 14 in a vacant store that he co-owns. The exhibit is free of charge, and hours are 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and 12 to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Van Dyke is a man of many talents and many interests. He is an architect with his own firm on Eighth Street, an enthusiastic photographer and a guitarist. Van Dyke has not always pursued the things he loves. He studied a little art in school but then was away from art for years.

“It just dawned on me one day how easy it is to push things off until tomorrow. I would get interested in doing something and I'd

always say I'll do it tomorrow, but tomorrow never comes,” he said.

The body of work Van Dyke is displaying in the exhibit was painted on the slanted, cement floor of his basement. He lays a loose piece of canvas on the floor then works on it and manipulates it until he feels it is done.

run through the canvas on the slanted floor at a slow rate and by controlling the direction and length of soaking.

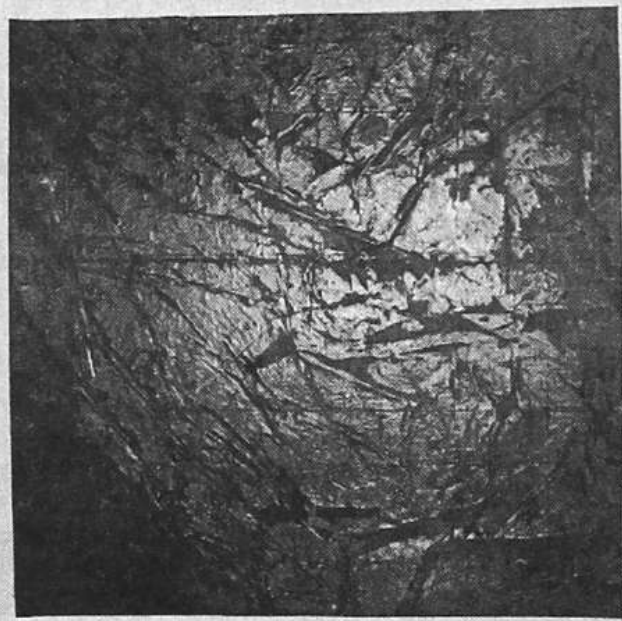
He uses a squeegee to apply the paint rather than a brush, so the motion of the work is unregulated and unified, yet still compositionally appealing.

The ideas and images of freedom that are so evident in the paintings and in the process which produces them has turned out to be a healthy release for Van Dyke.

“For me it's a kind of expression to counteract my work, which is so strict,” he said.

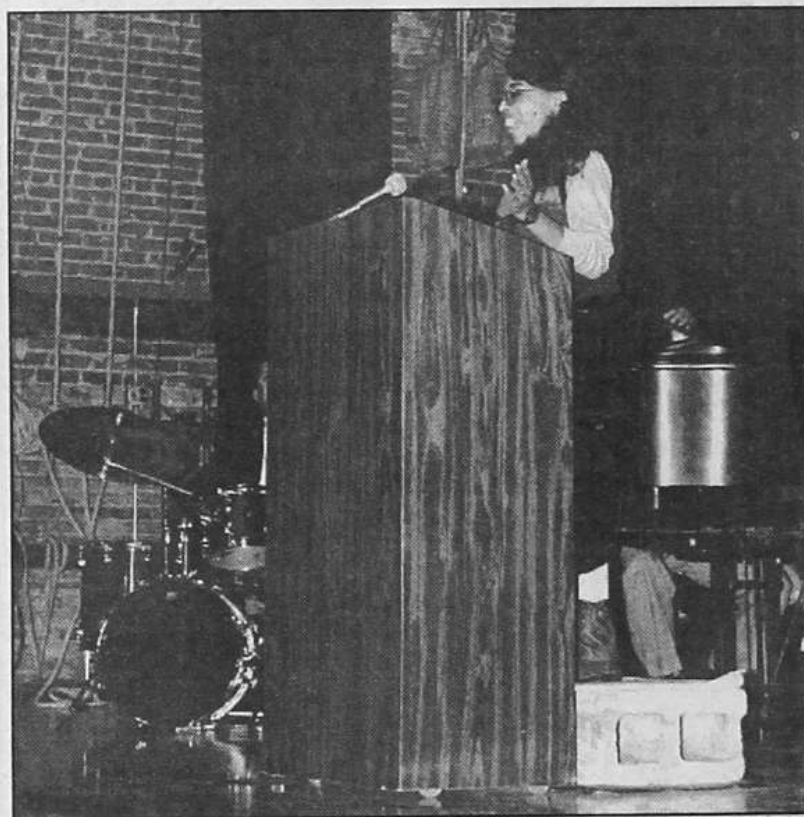
It is no wonder that some of his favorite artists are the ones that work in much the same way that he does. His favorites are Helen Frankenthaler and Antoni who produce

pieces with much the same effect as his own, evoking feelings of floating and freedom and instability. The texture of most are rough and covered with flaky paint. He casually scraped a loose piece from one of the hanging paintings as he talked, demonstrating the theory of freedom behind his work.



Anchor photo by Matt Morgan

The irregular floor leaves imprints that soak up or reject the paint he applies. The effect is atmospheric-like cloud patterns and floating three-dimensional abstractions. He gets other unique patterns by letting the watered-down paint



Anchor photo by Josh Neucks

SPEAK IT: A packed Knickerbocker Theatre soaked in the contrast of Visiting Writers Series poet Thylas Moss' hard-hitting language and the lighter, more sprightly accompaniment of the John Shea Trio last Wednesday. Moss explored topics ranging from feminism to God. As the final Opus visitingwriter of the semester, she is the author of several critically acclaimed poetry volumes and children's stories.

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Nine Lives: I've finally figured out who everyone has, though Santa doesn't like us to spoil surprises. The room looked great...my garbage can is still melted to the halogen lamp...nice work, ladies. Miss Piggy wishes all of you a fun Turkey and Christmas break!—CTY GRL

Christine and Jen: You'll be missed next semester! Good luck to both of you!—Nine Lives-2

Lil' C: Have fun gobbling. I'll be busy with the white meat.

Fab Four: Don't forget to bring your fancy dresses home! Bring lots of make-up and we'll paint our faces as well as the town this New Year's Eve!

You ladies brighten my life!—Raspberry Beret

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Anthony and Amanda: Congrats on 2nd place best of show for the 1996 Milestone. The recognition is well deserved!! Always remember Pleasure Island, the Turkey leg and sleepless nights! Florida Rocked!—Annie and Christy

Lil' Witchers, Ru, KP, TG, and DS: Good Luck with exams and I hope that Santa brings you everything you want for Christmas! See you soon.—Love from Chile

FM: I hope Santa Claus brings you lots of fun surprises this Christmas! I hope to end up on your front porch. Call often: I'll miss you!—angel

VERITAS from I

partment. Baer learned of Veritas at a summer conference where he was able to hear Kelly Monroe, the Chaplain to Graduate Students at Harvard, speak on her book, *Finding God at Harvard*. Monroe was one of the driving forces behind the start of Veritas, and continues to offer advice to other campuses that plan to hold the forum.

Baer invited Monroe to the faculty retreat in mid-August and used this opportunity before the beginning of the school year to introduce the possibility of holding a forum on Hope's campus within the next two years.

President Jacobson fully supported the idea, and suggested this spring, since the forum brings up many important questions relevant to the college and its philosophies.

"We are trying to show that we love the college through offering the forum," Baer said.

Baer and Kelly Jacobsma, Head of Public Services at Van Wylen, recently found a symbol to represent Hope's Veritas Forum in Dimnent Chapel's Rose Window.

The center of the window is Hope's anchor that is surrounded by twelve petals. Six of the petals broadly represent other education institutions founded in Christian values: Harvard, Yale, Rutgers, University of Michigan, Princeton, and Leiden in the Netherlands.

The other six petals represent academic areas including one for the arts, chemistry, music, mathematics, astronomy, and literature.

Mock imprisonment ups human rights awareness

AMNESTY from I

"Urgent Action" petition for his release.

The petition states that Gegel was reportedly beaten by Special Operations Team members, imprisoned, and severely tortured. After undergoing a stomach operation just four months ago, he is said to be coughing up blood. Gegel has no access to medical treatment.

The Hope chapter gathered 319 signatures for the petition by holding a "mock imprisonment" of member Don Keller ('97) in a cardboard box in the Maas lobby Tuesday.

Members spent the day educating students on human rights abuses in Turkey and on Gegel's situation, as well as collecting signatures.

"[The mock imprisonment] is basically to get this prisoner out and get him better treatment, and to promote awareness on campus of human rights abuses in the world," Meyers said. "Hope is a very secluded place and sometimes it's hard to understand that most of the world doesn't enjoy the same rights as we do."

The chapter surpassed its goal of 300 signatures, and members were pleased with student response.

"It turned out really well. We think that 300 signatures is enough to turn heads when we send [the petition] to Turkey," Keller said.

The petition will be mailed to officials in Turkey to protest Gegel's imprisonment, torture, and denial of medical treatment.

"I was pleasantly surprised at the turnout," Sundbeck said. "People really do listen and really do care. I think that's a good sign. It bodes well for our organization, our campus, and the whole world."

According to Amnesty Interna-

tional USA's *Turkey Campaign 1996* booklet, the human rights situation in Turkey is very serious. Under the "Anti-Terror Law," suspects in the ten provinces "under state of emergency" can be held in custody for up to four weeks without being permitted to contact their family, legal counsel, or see a doctor. They are literally "at the mercy of their interrogators."

Amnesty International says that captors often use torture "to extract confessions, to elicit information about illegal organizations, to intimidate detainees into becoming police informers or as informal punishments for assumed support of illegal organizations."

Even government officials admit that torture occurs, but say that it is necessary in their fight against terrorism.

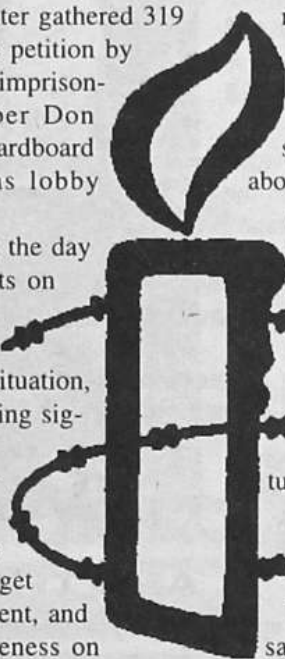
True to their motto, "You can save a life with the price of a stamp," Amnesty International writes letters lobbying for the release of "prisoners of conscience" worldwide.

The group defines a "prisoner of conscience" as a person "detained anywhere because of their beliefs, color, sex, ethnic origin, language or religious creed, provided that they have not used nor advocated violence."

"There are many cases where you write and write and write and nothing happens," Meyers said. "But people do get out because of this."

Amnesty International meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. under the glass in the Kletz.

The group also recently sponsored a benefit concert by the Folk Lizards, movie nights for releases *Beyond Rangoon* and *The Power of One*, and co-sponsored the "Voices of Freedom" poetry reading.



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Flying Dutch bow out to Ferris and Grand Valley

GLYN WILLIAMS
sports editor

Hope College women's basketball coach Brian Morehouse didn't make the schedule his team is forced to play this season.

If he had made the schedule, he said, he wouldn't have scheduled Hope's opening two games on the road against Division II teams.

If he had, he said, he would not have scheduled two games in two states less than 24 hours apart.

Nonetheless he and his team must persevere.

"If you play a tough schedule you might lose a few games, but still win if you become a better team," Morehouse said.

"I told the team coming into the season that we might lose a few games but it helps to get us ready for the MIAA tournament."

Morehouse, however, is thankful that some good can come out of the trip.

"We can learn from this trip because when the MIAA tournament

comes around we will have to play games on back-to-back nights with other things on our minds," Morehouse said. "Forcing us to concentrate is a learning experience."

The Flying Dutch opened up the 1996-97 season with a pair of losses last weekend at the West Michigan Classic at Grand Valley State University. In the first round of action

on Friday night Hope was defeated by host Grand Valley 71-45.

The Flying Dutch then fell to Ferris State 65-43 on Saturday afternoon.

Poor shooting from everywhere on the court

marred the Dutch against Grand Valley. They shot only 28 percent from the field, including 1/14 shooting from the behind the three-point line.

"I think it was a combination of season opener jitters and the fact that we played a couple fine defensive teams," Morehouse said. "We may not play against two better de-

fensive teams all season. They were very athletic and they really challenged our shots."

According to Morehouse the most important thing Hope must concern itself with right now is not their shooting woes.

"I want to make sure we stay positive and keep looking ahead," Morehouse said. "We are getting better with every single game and every single practice and as long as we get better we will be ready for the MIAA tournament."

The team's co-captains provided what little punch Hope had in the tournament, as Danielle "Dano" Hop ('97) led the team in scoring with seven points, while Lisa Timmer ('97) brought down eight rebounds.

"I expect (Hop and Timmer) to be leaders," Morehouse said. "Not only statistically, but also behind the scenes and in the locker room. Others on the team look to them and they really feed off of Dano's emotion."

On Saturday, Ferris used Hope's 26 percent field goal shooting to limit the Flying Dutch to nothing more another loss.

Hope led the team in scoring again with 10, while Johanna LaGore ('98) added her eight points and six rebounds.



Anchor photo by Josh Neucks

AND THE FOUL: Hope College's men's basketball team scrimmages during practice at the Holland Civic Center.

Men's hoops open with a pair of wins

DAN RENNER
staff reporter

Amidst high rankings and even higher expectations the Flying Dutchmen basketball team won the Cornerstone Classic in Grand Rapids this past weekend.

In the first round they defeated Huntington College, 86-64 and then upended the host Golden Eagles 83-74 in the championship game.

Hope was led by MIAA Player-of-the-Week and Cornerstone Classic MVP Joel Holstege ('98), who had a double-double (16 points, 10 assists) on Friday and then scored 26 points on Saturday against the Golden Eagles.

"(Holstege's) size and passing ability is outstanding," coach Glenn Van Wieren said. "As long as we get the ball to (him) and make a good transition something good will always happen."

David Meulenberg ('97) also received All-Tournament honors with a double-double (12 points, 12 rebounds) versus Huntington and scored an additional 14 points on Saturday.

"It's the return of the Mystery Man, (Meulenberg)," Van Wieren

said of Meulenberg's comeback after missing previous seasons to injury.

Other standouts for the Flying Dutchmen included Kris Merritt ('98), who scored 10 points on Friday and earned a double-double (14 pts, 12 rebs) against Cornerstone, and Marc Whitford ('97), who shot 4/4 from the three point arch and scored 23 points in the tournament.

Every player on the Hope roster got a taste of action this weekend. All 13 team members played a minimum of five minutes and everyone scored in at least one of the tournament games.

"It was a combination of a lot of players," Van Wieren said.

Hope travels to the newly built VanAndel Arena this Thanksgiving weekend to take on Grand Rapids-area teams Grand Valley, Aquinas and Cornerstone in the Old Kent Classic.

Hope begins the MIAA season on January 11, hosting Alma, who was picked to finish last in the league that consists of seven teams.

The Dutchmen's winter vacation is highlighted by the Treasure Island Classic Tournament in Daytona Beach, Fla. Jan. 3 and 4.

Flying Dutchmen swimmers sweep dual meet; women's team lose one

MIKE ZUIDEMA
staff reporter

With a triangular meet last weekend with MIAA opponent Alma and Grand Valley State, the men's and women's swimming and diving teams began their seasons.

Against the Scots, both teams proved victorious with the men winning 143-93, while the women won 170-68.

The men also defeated Grand Valley 140-88 while the women lost by a score of 139-103.

"This was our first real meet of the season," said head coach John Patnott. "We had three other meets that weren't counted, and although you try to swim fast it's not the same. It was a little better than last week, but we're still a little tired and still a little slow."

Joe Zupancic ('98) was a triple winner for the men, finishing first in the 200-yard individual medley (2:03.35), the 100-yard butterfly (5:55.16), and the 500-yard freestyle (5:07.15).

For the women Megan Hunter ('97) and Erinn VanAuken ('00) were both double winners.

Hunter placed first in the 200-yard individual medley (2:19.42) and the 100-yard breaststroke (1:08.84), while VanAuken won the 200-yard freestyle (2:03.02) and the 500-yard freestyle (5:30.04).

"Any number of people did well, everyone was solid, and overall we did a little better and that's quite encouraging," said Patnott.

Patnott was also pleased with the performances of Megan Clapp ('00), Michelle Fangmeier ('00), and Tom Bouwens ('00).

"(Bouwens) surprised me," Patnott said. "He's turning into a pretty good college swimmer and that's due to his work ethic."

Hope's quick jump at the season has Patnott all smiles.

"I'm optimistic," he said. "We never swim fast this time of year, because I have them so tired. You always worry and hope we get better, and we usually do. Once they get a chance to rest it will pay off for them."

The swim team's next meet will be at the Wheaton Invitational on Dec. 6 and 7.

The Flying Dutch and Dutchmen will remain on campus through much of Christmas break, preparing for the rest of the season, and more specifically MIAA rivals Calvin and Kalamazoo.

Hope hosts Calvin on January 7, and then travels to Wheaton on January 18 to swim against Wheaton, Kalamazoo, and Lake Forest.

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